

## BOOK REVIEW

BERNARDO GUT. 2008. **Trees in Patagonia**. (ISBN: 978-3-7643-8837-9, hbk.). Birkhauser Verlag AG, P.O. Box 133, CH-4010 Basel, SWITZERLAND. (Orders: [www.springer.com](http://www.springer.com)). \$89.95, 283 pp., 760 illustrations, 600 color photos, 9" × 12.25".

When I first started to examine this book I thought that I was going to be looking at something for the Patagonian area that would be comparable to those written by Texas authors Neil Sperry, Howard Garrett, or Sally Wasowski. Rather it is something between the works by those authors and is intended for use as a field guide.

*From the back cover:* "This book is a guide to the native trees and approximately 95% of the introduced arboreal species of Argentine and Chilean Patagonia. Introductory chapters convey an overview on what is termed 'Patagonia', as well as on the geology, climate, soils, and vegetation of Southern South America. Keys based on vegetative characters and richly illustrated descriptions of more than 170 species form the core of the manual. These chapters are followed by concise entries on afforestations, urban trees, and plantations of fruit trees in climatic enclaves. Renowned experts describe the most important National Parks of both Argentine and Chilean Patagonia. The last chapter is devoted to Carl Skottsberg and his remarkable expedition through Patagonia a hundred years ago."

Following the chapter on Skottsberg are a number of appendices including a glossary, abbreviations, an extensive bibliography, and the English, Spanish, and scientific plant names.

Each species is provided with a botanical description, followed by some or all of the following: status and distribution, hardiness, uses, habitat, elevation, and remark(s). Each is illustrated by color photographs or drawings, sometimes of the tree, its flowers, fruits or leaves.

This was intended to be a 'field guide' but its size weighs against that usage. It is an excellent resource and contains a considerable amount of useful secondary information such as a good botanical key and descriptions of the National Parks, fruit trees in cultivation, and trees in urban landscapes.

This book is recommended for purchase by major academic libraries with a botanical or horticultural interest and researchers with an interest in the region. It will be useful to those who are attempting to establish or to maintain a landscape or garden which includes trees.

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## BOOKS RECEIVED/REVIEWS FORTHCOMING

WILLIAM A. WEBER AND RONALD C. WITTMANN. 2012. **Colorado Flora: Western Slope. A Field Guide to the Vascular Plants, Fourth Edition**. (ISBN: 978-1-60732-142-2, pbk.). University Press of Colorado, 5589 Arapahoe Ave., Suite 206C, Boulder, CO 80303, U.S.A. (Orders: <http://www.upcolorado.com/content/welcome>, 800-627-7377). \$27.95, 608 pp., 108 line drawings, 1 map, 4 tables. 5.5" × 8.5".

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ELRAY NIXON, ILLUSTRATED BY BRUCE LYNDON CUNNINGHAM. 2012. **Trees, Shrubs, and Woody Vines of East Texas, Third Edition**. (ISBN: 978-0-934115-10-0, pbk.). Bruce Lyndon Cunningham. (Orders: [bruce@cudenlink.net](mailto:bruce@cudenlink.net) or call 936.569.6965). \$59.95, 256 pp., 345+ b/w illustrations, 8" × 10".